Middlebury Sept 28th 1828

Dear Mother

A favorable opportunity presented itself this morning to annexing a line to you, and I shall embrace it, tho as my time is short, it must be only a line. I have but little news to write, as I wrote you a short time since and in that stated my wants &c. I have been however somewhat disappointed by not hearing from home this week, both as it respects our school and other concerns. Yet I hope it is all for the best. I want very much to hear as quick as possible about the school, as I have been solicited to take the school where Brewer taught in Westfield, but can give them no answer until the matter is settled relative to the one in Shelburne. With regard to the cloth for my surtout, if you can send it by water you please, and if I should go to Westfield, I do not want you to send cloth for pantaloons, unless you can make them at home, which I will venture to have done after the measure, taken from one. Should you make them you may make them the same fashion you did my last, only have them long enough. Before you send the cloth please to write me that I may know when the time to look for it. Tell Alonzo to write me before long, and wait not for a letter from me, for I have sufficient to employ all my time in the performance of College duties and do not calculate to write much this term. Let me know how temperance flourishes. Euclid has not gone back yet and he's temperance for me. My health has been rather poor for a week past. I have had a severe cold but am recovering. Love to all

From your Son. W. C. Preston

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